

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 20, 1973

Mr. James Conlon  
Bureau of Engraving and Printing  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

You have no idea how much I appreciate the efficiency and promptness with which you located the proofs of the \$3.00 United States Note of July 11, 1862.

It was not clear to me as to whether the four subject face impression consisted of four \$3.00 notes or whether it was one of various dimensions. That is why I asked for a picture of four as a group and also a picture of the \$3.00 note itself. My use for these will be in an article in the Numismatist. There might also be a proof of the reverse.

It will not be necessary for you to make a picture of the Mechanics Bank of Georgetown Note.

After the Fort McNair affair, they took us on tour of Washington for about an hour, and all of the foreign exhibitors were amazed and delighted. It was a great week.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 2, 1973

Mr. James A. Conlon, Director  
Bureau of Engraving and Printing  
Washington, D. C. 20226

Dear Jim:

The excellent pictures of the proofs of the face and back of the \$3 denomination of the U. S. Notes arrived. Their existence was commented upon by Donlon a few years ago in his book. So far as I can ascertain, illustrations have never been published. I noticed that they are dated July 15, 1862, which is different from all other issued U. S. Notes.

Thank you very much for your kindness and cooperation. I will use them in the article I am writing which will be submitted to the Numismatist. Naturally, appropriate credit and thanks will be in the article.

Kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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January 3, 1974

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sirs:

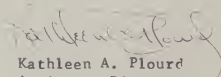
The museum is in the process of compiling a report on the projected inventory and appraisal of our coin collection. This preliminary study will be presented to our budget committee before we can ask firms for an official bid. I would be grateful for any advice you can offer concerning the cost and most practical means of conducting such a task.

The collection includes the Joseph C. Mitchelson Coin Collection which numbered 5,744 coins when it was donated in 1913. We have added uncirculated and proof sets of U.S. minted coins since that date. Also involved are approximately 3,000 coins donated by other patrons.

Mr. Mitchelson's collection is primarily U.S. minted coins with an emphasis on uncirculated and proof gold pieces, pattern pieces and private gold. Also included are colonials, copper half cents and large cents, and early U.S. silver. The majority of coins from other donors are ancient and foreign.

I will be looking forward to your reply with any help you can offer.

Sincerely,

  
Kathleen A. Plourd  
Assistant Director

203-566-3056

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 14, 1974

State of Connecticut  
Connecticut State Library  
231 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Attention: Ms. Kathleen A. Plourd,  
Assistant Director

Dear Ms. Plourd:

After receiving your inquiry of January 3, 1974, I telephoned to ask for further facts. I fully realize the importance of your collection as in the past I have examined certain of your pieces for research purposes.

We heartily agree that you should have an accurate inventory of the collection and strongly urge photographs to be made of at least the major pieces in it. This would be helpful for research purposes also.

As to value appraisal of your collection, we wish to point out that such an appraisal is realistic only near the time it is made, and fluctuation in coin values, inflationary matters and series popularity render it obsolete very quickly. An appraisal may be an unnecessary expense and, since the coins are not to be sold, it would seem that the only reason would be for possible insurance coverage. With an accurate inventory coins can be fairly well appraised at any time without inspection.

We have communicated with the American Numismatic Society, in view of the fact that you wrote them also. We hope to coordinate our thinking with theirs. We could probably be helpful to you on the Early American, private gold and early U. S. series.

With respect to an inventory of your collection of ancients, foreign and medals, Mr. Henry Grunthal of New York is an expert who may be available for that work. Until his recent retirement he was a curator at the American Numismatic Society and is now on a consultant basis there.

We will be glad to work with you further after your ideas are further developed.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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February 23, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The Museum of Connecticut History has among its collections over 15,000 coins donated by Joseph C. Mitchelson in 1913. The collection remained untouched until three years ago when Kathleen Plourd, the director's assistant, started the task of cataloging the coins. After countless hours, the American pieces are nearing completion. However, due to the large volume of the collection, the foreign coins, tokens, and paper currency still must be cataloged. During the course of her work, Ms. Plourd found the following items: over 400 pattern pieces including 1868 gold eagle Judd 661, 1878 gold half eagle Judd 1577, 1878 gold eagle Judd 1581; forty pieces of private gold; a set of three dollar gold with the exception of 1870S; 1907 extremely high relief Saint Gaudens double eagle; twenty-one private gold pattern pieces including four unique Augustus Humbert lead patterns, and two unique Moffat and Company lead patterns. Included in the museum holdings is the Dr. Thomas Hall collection of 126 Connecticut copper pieces. Hall's collection contains his original manuscript listing die varieties of 1785 through 1788. The coins of 1787 were the subject of Hall's private publication of 1892. After these very rewarding discoveries, it became apparent that some permanent documentation in the form of a book/catalog would be an important contribution to the field.

In order to complete such a project, the museum would have to utilize the talents of a technical assistant to catalog the foreign coins, tokens, and paper currency. When the collection has been fully documented, the publication of the book/catalog would be the culmination of the project. Such a document would not only serve as a vital educational tool in the museum, it would also be of great benefit to the collector and numismatic scholar. The catalog, carefully delineating the museum holdings, would serve as a valuable aid when the museum is able to create a study collection.

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
February 23, 1977  
Page 2

The museum, which is a unit in the Connecticut State Library, does not have a separate budget. As a result, the museum cannot afford such an expenditure for the proposed project. Consequently, we must seek outside sources to fund the proposal. We are seeking information about persons or organizations who would be willing to assist in financing such a venture. Furthermore, should funds become available we would need a technical assistant capable of assisting Ms. Plourd in cataloging the foreign coins, tokens, and paper currency.

Could you recommend any organizations or foundations which assist numismatic projects? We would be grateful if you could suggest individuals qualified to serve as technical assistants. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

*Marion K. Leonard*

Marion K. Leonard

MKL:js

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri  
March 4, 1977

Mr. Marion K. Leonard  
State of Connecticut  
Connecticut State Library  
231 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06115

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Your very interesting letter of February 23, 1977, is at hand. I am pleased that you have catalogued almost all of the American portion of the Mitchelson collection. Some of the material you described was a surprise to me as I had wondered where it was held.

I believe you have several problems and would like to discuss them with you over the telephone. First, I would like an approximate breakdown of the American units, such as you did in specifying the Connecticut coppers, the U. S. Patterns, Pioneer, etc. This would be such divisions as the denominations of U. S. regular coinage, the tokens, the paper money, etc. An inventory is not only essential for your needs but would be useful for scholarship, but a publication of your inventory would have major value if the unusual pieces were photographed, measured and described in detail. Weight, diameters, specific gravity, metallic content, edge, provenance, etc., would be important. Early U. S. bank notes might be xeroxed so that unusual ones could be studied. Counterfeits, if any, would have to be designated.

As to undertaking an inventory of the foreign sections before you finish the American project is a decision to be reviewed. There are many who would like to be hired for the foreign project.

As to raising money for the publication, we will gladly give you ideas, but an application to the National Endowment of the Arts seems logical.

I look forward to hearing from you further and congratulate you on your progress on a long needed project.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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# *Connecticut Stamp & Coin Co.*

Estate Appraisers  
Newtown Shopping Center  
Newtown, Conn. 06470  
Ray Gold

Apr. 25

Dear Mr. Vernon:

Recently I received a letter from Mr. James  
C. Spillan, of Little Rock, Arkansas requesting  
to buy anything in the line of Radio Cante etc.  
In response, I mailed him the enclosed electric,  
which he stated that you might be very interested in  
acquiring it.

Therefore, please find the enclosed electric for  
your inspection. If it would be any help to  
you you may purchase it for \$50.

Sincerely,

Ray Gold



November 27, 1963

Mr. Ray Gold  
Connecticut Stamp & Coin Co.  
Newtown Shopping Center  
Newtown, Conn. 06470

Dear Mr. Gold:

Thank you for permitting me to examine the electrotype of the Continental Dollar 3-C, plated in copper. I am glad to know of its existence as a forgery as it does not exist in reality.

I am returning the same herewith as I do not buy fake material. Most of it is given to me for use in connection with my studies of forgeries.

I appreciate your cooperation in sending it to me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



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COLLEGE**  
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203-447-1911

Department of  
Art History

September 1, 1988

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your letter of August 8 and the photocopies you enclosed. I would have written sooner but I had an unexpected hospitalization that came on the heels of a vacation.


As I wrote you before, I am interested in the imagery on Missouri bank notes as they might relate to the iconography of Bingham and of other Missouri artists.

I am grateful for the photocopy of the \$50 note of the Bank of the State of Missouri. I note that the one you sent me bears the date Jan. 1, 1847. I would like very much to know when these particular notes were first issued. I would also like to obtain a black and white photograph of that note. Please let me know whether this is possible and also how much it would cost.

Thank you again for your help in this matter. While on vacation early in August, I visited the Numismatic Museum and Library in Colorado Springs and found numbers of your publications. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Rash*  
Nancy Rash  
Chairman

Christopher T. Connell  
Secretary  
New Jersey Numismatic Society  


November 2, 1992

Dear Mr. Connell:

Thank you for your cooperative letter of October 20, 1992. We are glad you reported our October 16, 1992 letter to your members at their recent meeting, even though Herbert Silberman was not present. I am sure that ANS appreciates the concern of many of those present whether ANS members or not.

I had several conversations with Mr. Silberman and he did give me some very helpful information. He hesitated to disclose matters which he was not certain of and I respect his caution. However as he gives further consideration to the matter he may recollect additional facts as most of these matters took place long ago.

If you or any of your members obtain or have any further information on the subject we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for explaining your organization's position.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

cc: Spencer Peck  
Herbert Silberman

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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616

November 26, 1975

Greetings:

I took the package of continental money to the Post Office today and they refused to insure it. In order to protect myself from a not quite satisfactory mailing service I have xeroxed the money and for the present will send you the copies. I realize you will be unable to ascertain the condition of the money, but hope this will give you some idea as to what I have. In the rush of photographing I left out 2 pieces and will hopefully check them out before getting this in the mail. I also have 9 more pieces loaned out which I will send copies of later.

Word got out on campus that I have the money and my phone has been ringing all day! Banks want to rent it, people want to buy it, the newspapers want to do a story. I am not interested in any of the above since it would cause hurt feelings if I let one party have it. I would, however, be interested in selling the money if it is worth anything. My son has 9 pieces, plus some smaller 25¢ and 10¢ pieces of paper money, and of course the letter. I had my son read the letter over the phone and will attach a copy which will not reflect different spelling etc.

My son was very interested to know that you were also connected with the shoe industry. He manages a lovely big store in the Mt. Shasta Mall in Redding. There are 6 Huston Shoe stores (owned by Howard Samburg of Orinda, Ca) and they carry "very expensive" shoes! For the first time in years our whole family is well shod!!!

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me last night. I will send the attached and wait for your advice as to how I may get the money out there without risking loss by the Post Office.

Sincerely,

*M. Alice Conner*

M. Alice Conner  
P.O. Box 212  
Davis California 95616

Incls.

*Due to the rush of work  
and an unexcused picture I was  
unable to check to see which pieces  
I failed to send.*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 2, 1975

Ms. M. Alice Conner  
P. O. Box 212  
Davis, California 95616

Dear Ms. Conner:

I received the xerox of the group of Continental money you sent with your letter of November 26, 1975. As you realize, most of it is of the 1778 and 1779 issues. At that time the bills had depreciated to approximately 40 for \$1 in specie. The letter written in 1812 is most interesting because this currency was redeemed by the issue of Treasury Bonds from 1790 through 1798 at the rate of \$100 in currency for \$1 in bonds. Apparently this money was presented after the bond exchange program had expired. The bonds were finally paid on in 1813. The exchange was on the condition that if you would not wish to make it you still had your rights with respect to the money. Congress never did anything about it again.

The group of money appears to be in reasonably nice condition and there is no difficulty in sending it by registered mail. I could give you a little better advice after examining it.

I am publishing a revision next Spring of my book on the subject and the prices will be adjusted to the current market value. If you want to sell some of it, I suggest that we make up a group of packages so that a number of people who express interest would have a chance to buy it. If you want to give this organization some of it, you would have an income tax deduction for its full value. Naturally, you would want to retain examples of it to go with the letter.

The business with which I am connected sells popular priced shoes (Leeds), so I am glad we are not competitive with your son.

The word you are unable to read in the letter could have been Order, notice, date or words to that effect.

I look forward to hearing from you further.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

March 15, 1973

Ms. Audrey and Mr. James Coniff  
Perkinsville, Vermont 05151

Dear Sir and Madam:

At the New York Antique Show you sold, for \$30.00 and perhaps plus tax, an old iron toy bank to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Solomon, 79 East 79th Street, New York City. They bought it for me as a present. When they gave it to me I noticed it is a modern reproduction.

I will be glad to send it back to you and want the money refunded to them. Is that satisfactory to you?

Will you be kind enough to drop me a note.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

March 21, 1973

Mrs. James Conniff  
Rt. 106  
Perkinsville, Vermont 05151

Dear Mrs. Conniff:

Thank you for your very cooperative letter of March 19, 1973. I respect you for your position and hope you will agree with ours.

The item involved was the "Bank" bank, which is returned to you under separate cover.

I am refunding any additional postage which I did not spend in returning it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

James &amp; Audrey Conniff

## ANTIQUES

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Bros.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman -

In this same mail we have  
forwarded our check of \$32.10 to Mr.  
+ Mrs. Solomon.

Thank you for letting us know  
which bank so we can correct our  
records etc, + for the postage refund.

We will be away 3/26 to  
April 12 should there be further  
communications on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Audrey Conniff  
(Mrs. Joe. H.)



Eric P. Newman  
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 15, 2000

Hello Mr. Newman ,

I have started researching the lives of signers of Continental and Colonial currency. The more renowned signers are well known, of course, but there are so many other interesting signers, men who's lives were important in the founding of the nation or in other ways. I am writing you now in case you have already worked on such a project. If you have the time, I would be interested in hearing from you if you already have information which has not been published in numismatic circles, or if you can point me in directions which would be helpful.

The internet has been helpful in my research, though I do not rely exclusively on it. Examples of interesting signers not generally known are:

Samuel Nicholas - led the first Marines amphibious raid, and is considered the first Commandant of the Marines.

John Leacock - early patriot, gold and silversmith, viticulturist, coroner, innkeeper, cousin-in-law to Ben Franklin, and best known for his satires at the time of the Revolution

Richard Smith (NJ) - Continental Congressman 1774-1776, his diary of the proceedings of the Continental Congress have been invaluable to posterity

One specific question for you. Have you found any evidence to support or refute that the "J Barney" who signed Continental currency was Joshua Barney, the young (at the time) man who had numerous sailing exploits for many decades? He was in and out of Philadelphia during the Revolution, and could have been the Continental currency signer.

I would love to hear from you if you have the time and interest in this subject.

Regards,



David Consolvo

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

David Consolvo  
P.O. Box 153  
Covesville, VA 22931

May 24, 2000

Your interesting project on signers of early paper money as outlined in your letter of May 15, 2000 is at hand.

My friend, Joseph R. Lasser has done an enormous amount of research in this field and I am sending a copy of your letter to him. His address is c/o Neuberger Berman 605 Third Ave, New York, NY 10158-3698.

I presume you have already used the various biographical Revolutionary War publications.

As to J. Barney why don't you find his autograph in some archival depository and compare it to the signature on notes he signed. Colonial Williamsburg probably has his signature on a note. Perhaps the Library Company of Philadelphia has something for you.

Good luck on your project.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Newman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric P. Newman

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1/20/88

The following books have been located. They can be purchased at the prices listed.

1. Franklin, B. POOR RICHARD: The Almanacks for the Years 1733-1758. reprint. ex library. else fine \$15 ppd
2. Morrison, Hugh Alexander. PRELIMINARY CHECK LIST OF AMERICAN ALMANACS 1639-1800, Library of Congress, Gvt. Pub Office. Wash. DC. 1907. 160pp. fore-edges rubbed, backstrip is replaced, contents good. \$15ppd
3. Leavitt, Dudley. LEAVITTS, GENUINE, IMPROVED NEW ENGLAND FARMERS ALMANACK FOR 1817, 12 leaves, Exeter, C. Norris & Co. cover illus. vg. \$20 ppd

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The following books have been located. They can be purchased at the prices listed.

Following Almanacs are all complete, in original wrappers, stitched binding, and in good or better condition..

1. THE NEW ENGLAND ALMANAC for 1798...by Isaac Bickerstaff, Providence (1797)... \$25 ppd
2. Same, for 1807. margin corner chipped. \$16.50 ppd
3. Same, for 1809. \$16.50 ppd
4. Same, for 1810. \$16.50 ppd ✓ ordered 2/2/88
5. Same, for 1811. \$16.50 ppd
6. Same, for 1812. \$16.50 ppd
  
7. THE FARMER'S ALMANAC..for...1820, Boston (1819)  
Margins clipped, but text not affected. \$13.50 ppd

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St Louis, MO  
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2/18/88

The following books have been located. They can be purchased at the prices listed.

re Leavitts, GENUINE, IMPROVED NEW ENGLAND FARMERS ALMANACK FOR 1817 does not have coin tables or exchange data, however another older almanac is available that does contain such data...

Low, Nathaniel. AN ASTRONOMICAL DIARY OR ALMANACK FOR 1809 18 leaves, Boston, Monroe, Frances & Parker. Zodiac front cover illustrated, cover repaired by stitching else very good has 1½ pages of monetary data. \$25.95 ppd



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Sincerely,



Alvin M. Katz. Owner

Dear Sir:

Would like info. on  
How to go about Selling Some  
old Coins:

Have 3 I can't find any  
where in Books.

Please inform me how  
to go about finding out  
what they are and what  
they are worth. .

2 are Republic of Mexacanna  
1 is Roman ~~which~~ that  
came from a ~~the~~ Collection  
in Venice Austria

Thank you  
Paul Contrell  
Senath MO.

February 10, 1961

Mr. Paul Contrell  
Senath, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I am always glad to be of assistance in helping with respect to information on American coins. The coins must, however, be described in detail.

Coins of the Republic of Mexico are exceedingly common so I do not suggest you waste much time with respect to those.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Nov 21, 1975

Dear Mr Newman.

I was at the American Numismatic Association yesterday here in Colo. Springs. as a very nice gentlemen gave me your address. The reference used was your book, we couldnt find the one enclosed it ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> only on the 20.00 Georgia. The 10.00 did not have the Georgia off on the side. What I want to know is, is the enclosed authentic. and what the monetary value might be if it is. There is tape on the back.

Mr Newman if and when you have the time would you please look into this for me. Also can you tell me how many was printed off. Plus how many are in existence today.

Thank you -

Mrs Barbara A. Cook  
1393 Comita Drive  
Fountain, Colo.

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

November 25, 1975

Mrs. Barbara A. Cook  
1393 Bonita Drive  
Fountain, Colorado 80817

Dear Mrs. Cook:

The Georgia \$10 note of 1776 about which you inquire is a drawn copy prepared about 1863 for publication in Harper's Monthly by Benjamin Lossing. The original of the note was issued in 1776 with maroon seal and signed in ink. Your note is obviously all of one color which is usually black. The item has virtually no value, although there are not too many of them floating around.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

May 24, 1955

Mr. Byron W. Cook  
P.O. Box 181  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Cook:

I noted your ad in The Scrapbook and I would like to obtain, for my collection, the \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes of the Citizens Bank of Louisiana, however, the prices you ask are more than I feel the items are worth. I am willing to pay \$10.00 for the 3 items, in perfect condition.

If these do not sell at the prices you have listed I will be glad to forward you a check upon hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

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Sept. 8, 1964

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

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To thank you for your order.

We hope that you are as pleased  
with it as we are in serving you.

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## APPROVAL INVOICE

*This Consignment of Merchandise is sent on 5 days approval and the title in the Consignor does not pass until it is paid for in full.*

\$2 Merchants Bank, Kansas

\$ 45.00

The note that you sent in exchange for the  
two notes that were delivered to you, is  
acceptable. Was also nice to see you again  
at Cleveland. It was surely a big show.  
Thanks. BWC

September 11, 1964

Dear Mr. Cook,

I thought the Merchants Bank, Kansas, \$2 note was marked \$8.50, when I saw it in Cleveland.

Under these circumstances I am returning it and am sorry there was a mix-up.

Sincerely,

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

Sept 2,1964

Mr. Byron W. Cook  
P.O.Box 161  
Jackson , Miss.

Dear Mr. Cook:

It was nice to meet you at the Convention and I am sure that you were very busy. I did nothing but talk to all my old friends and gather material for research projects I have under way.

I have an Arkansas note of yours on approval marked \$22.00 which Bieck in his Texas catalogue lists at \$15 to \$20. I also have a \$1 Winstead Bank.(no price) . I want you to be able to be satisfied that you can make a profit dealing with me and I am therefore enclosing a rare Missouri Territory note in exchange for both of these. I hope this pleases you.

I also wish to buy your \$2 Merchants Bank,Kansas so will you send it to me if you have it.

Sincerely ,

Eric. P. Newman

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Sheet of Washington Co. script

\$ 30.00

Dear Eric:

Do not have the blue paper sheet.

Returned  
8/28/66

Ms. Patsy Cooley  
Oklahoma Historical Society  
Wiley Post Historical Building  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103

January 3, 1994

Dear Ms. Cooley:

Thank you for your prompt helpfulness in trying to identify the scrip issue of the Creek trader as well as Bryant's Store in the Cherokee Nation. These are both 1862 and I enclose a photocopy of the later. As to Bryan's Trading Post near Locust Grove that certainly could be Bryant's store as the rural Missouri spelling could easily be erroneous. May I have a photocopy of your source.

As to the unidentified trader in North Fork I would be grateful to you if you would look at Indian Pioneer History

IX pp. 387, 388

X p. 270, 271 (index card not clear as to volume)

to see if they relate to the Civil War period or to a much later use of scrip. These references are from copies of the index cards you sent us. They might solve the problem.

We have in our collection examples of the government issues of scrip by the Cherokees and Choctaws and will send photocopies if desired.

We would also like photocopies of the reference on Vol. VII p. 119, 120 to Nash in Ft. Gibson as we have his 1862 scrip issues also. The dog head money Vol. XXV, p. 364 must refer to an ornament on his scrip.

I am sending a check for \$10 to cover photocopies, etc. and I want you to know how appreciative I am for your helpfulness. Your letter of December 27, 1993 indicates that I may correspond with you further and I am so interested in this matter I am doing so.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

enclosure



## SCOTCHMAN COINS, INC.

6517 NATURAL BRIDGE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63121

May 11 1968

Dear Eric:

First may I be the last to Congratulate you on your latest Award, the Nathan Good Award. It couldnt have been presented to a more wortnay person than you. May you continue to receive such Awards for your great efforts in making Numismatics the fine hobby it is.

Some time ago I asked for permission from you to display a \$4.00 Stella and a \$50.00 Gold Slug at the coming St.Louis Coin Festival in August, you advised me that you would supply the above coins and that I should write you requesting them. Altho' slow (but sure) I am now making the request.

I would appreciate it if you could advise me the date etc of the two coins so that I could get going on some advance publicity, also if you would have any information and pictures we could use.

I know you are very busy and believe it or not I am personally very grateful for your past and hope future favors you have given both me and the Missouri Numismatic Society, and am looking forward to 1970 & 1971 when St.Louis will be honored by the A.N.A and Central States Conventions. We all realize that your help has been most valuable in helping us secure these two Numismatic Plums.

Oh yes I would also like to request permission to use your case with the turning device, andwill see to it that it is returned a lot faster than last year.

Thanks again Eric for your past favors and looking forward to hearing from you in regards the above.

Sincerely

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David L.Cooper



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 24, 1968

Mr. David L. Cooper  
Scotchmen Coins, Inc.  
6517 Natural Bridge  
St. Louis, Mo. 63121

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your kind words with respect to the nice award received in connection with my last book.

With respect to the display of the \$4 Stella and the \$50 gold slug, at the St. Louis Coin Festival, we certainly will be glad to do so, assuming there is a 24-hour guard service.

We are glad to permit the use of the exhibition case which we have available if that will be helpful.

It might be wise to point out that the \$4 Stella is only a pattern, as all of them are, even though this category doesn't stop enthusiasm with respect to it. The Stella is 1879, with flowing hair, and is an original in proof condition and not a restrike. The \$50 gold slug is an 1851 ~~XXXX~~ U.S. Assay Office piece.

It is a pleasure to be able to be of assistance to the St. Louis Coin Festival.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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# SCOTCHMAN COINS, INC.

6517 NATURAL BRIDGE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63121

October 13 1969

Dear Eric:

Enclosed are the letters and Plaque information that I received from Mr Wilde.

If you should happen to see some of the Franklin Mint people on your trip East, I would appreciate it if you will remind them that I would still like one of their Medals from the Cocktail party & if available one of those from the ground breaking ceremony. Dont put yourself out BUT if it can be worked I would appreciate.

Will be in contact with you later.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ray', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



# Scotchman Coins, Inc.

1425 Chambers Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63135

Telephone: 521-7848

FRANKLIN MINT  
Christmas Items



GIFTS • SUPPLIES • CUSTOM MADE PLASTIC COIN HOLDERS • ALBUMS • COINS • NUMISMATIC BOOKS

Dear Eric

Enclosed is my check for  
the 1916 W. Kinley Gold Pieces  
See you at the show

Dave

Send check to  
William Ewald  
#425

September 27, 1966

Mr. Everett K. Cooper  
P.O.Box 93  
Mechanicsburg, Penna. 17055

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I read with great interest your article in PAPER MONEY and wish to ask you a few questions.

You listed seven items from Missouri and I would be very interested in knowing whether you had these items available for examination, or whether they are part of your collection, or whether they were a list in the Maverick records.

I also would like to confirm as to which Maverick did the February 8, 1788 New York paper money. There is no initial given, merely MAVERICK, in block letters. Was this Peter Rushton Maverick?

I look forward, very much, to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 22, 1970

Mr. Everett E. Cooper

Dear Mr. Cooper:

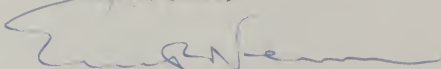
The interesting article you wrote for Paper Money concerning the counterfeits of Confederate issues is a matter close to my heart.

I am particularly interested in when W. S. Milton made the imitations. The advertisement would be the clue but you do not give any date for the ad. Do you know that date? Would you write me, promptly, whether you do or you do not as I will have to find it if you do not have it. I checked Warper's Weekly from August through December, 1863 and found no ad. Presumably, the ad would have run in 1862 following Mr. Upham's operation. The ad may have run on several occasions.

I have a large collection of these counterfeits and have a feeling that Milton got hold of some of the plates which Upham prepared.

I would also like to know the source of your statement that the counterfeits annoyed General Grant so much that he banned them in his command area. Would you be nice enough to give me that data, also.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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cc:  
Mrs. Barbara Mueller  
725 Fischer Avenue  
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549

EPN/atb

313 Fairview Drive  
Exton, Penna. 19341

1 July 1970

Mr. Eric S. Coleman  
3430 Cottell Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Thank you for your letter of June 22nd concerning the article on W. E. Hilton. I feel that the subject of contemporary Northern counterfeiters of the Civil War is an interesting episode and needs much research. I hope now that I live in the Philadelphia area to find some time to research S. C. Upham.

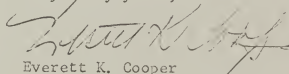
As for the questions you pose.

- (1). Mr. Hilton's operation undoubtedly had to fall in the period of after S. C. Upham started (March 1862) to his arrest (December 1863). In "Confederate Treasury Notes" by P. H. Chase he quotes a post-war letter of S. C. Upham which would infer that Hilton operated primarily in 1863.

The Hilton advertisement publication date I do not have exactly. The advertisement is reproduced in CIVIL WAR TIMES ILLUSTRATED August 1963.

- (2) Upham did accuse Hilton of copying the Upham copies! Not calling the kettle black.
- (3) As for General Grant - again refer to the Upham letter in Chase on page 97. The Grant episode is quite famous in Civil War history as he raised quite a storm about the cotton traders because of strong anti-Semitic accusations. His General Order #11, December 17, 1862 was the order. You can read about it in "Grant Moves South" by Bruce Catton.

Very truly yours,

  
Everett K. Cooper

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Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1973

Dear Mr. Cooper

I read in my numismatic news weekly about the coin festival being held in St. Louis.

I have in my possession an old Bank note, and I would very much appreciate if you would let me know if it has any value, or if you know anyone that would be interested in it.

If you could help me in anyway, I would appreciate it.

Thank you.

Charles A. Wyatt, Jr.,  
868 Doty Ave.  
Centralia, Mo. 65240

Bank of US \$1000 -  
#8894 1/15/40

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 10, 1970

Mr. Everett K. Cooper  
313 Fairview Drive  
Exton, Penna. 19341

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am now reviewing the advertising of Mr. Hilton and am shocked to find, in one issue of HARPER'S WEEKLY, that both Hilton and Upham advertised simultaneously. I am going to make a summary of all the advertisements because the period in which they were published seems to be important.

How do you account for the fact that some of the Hilton pieces are exact replicas of the Upham pieces and look as if they were printed from the same plate?

Thank you for the answers you sent me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb



11 PINE TREE DRIVE  
NEW CUMBERLAND, PA 17070

8 December 1994

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman;

I am a paper money collector (SPMC #986) with particular emphasis in my collecting and studying of Continental Currency. I am writing in seeking your help in clarifying a historical point on this subject which has become confusing.

In your book THE EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA, page 36, for the cataloging of the February 26, 1777 Baltimore issue of Continental Currency you state "the bills were printed in Ephrata, Pennsylvania".

At the nearby museum of the Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, Pennsylvania they have on exhibit an 18th-century hand-operated printing press which they label as having "printed Continental Currency." Their provenance records on this press are meager but it does indicate the press came from Ephrata. However, the file also indicates that the press was not made any earlier than 1786.

At another location, not far from here, is another old press in the custody of the Snow Hill Society, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. This facility is a mission established by the German Seventh-Day Baptists of Ephrata. They believe that this press had been used to print Continental Currency at Ephrata. Their claim is apparently on the basis of the work of Julius F. Sachse (1842-1919). Mr. Sachse has been cited elsewhere as "hardly a historian at all but a romantic discoverer of the past." Mr. Sachse reported that \$25,000,000 was printed on this press and named the combination of Continental Currency denominations on each sheet. However, the denominations were those of the Yorktown issue of April 11, 1778 and not the Baltimore issue.

My initial investigation of nearby York indicates that the belief there is that Hall and Sellers set up a press in the office of the Yorktown GAZETTE to print currency there.

A contact has been made at the nearby Ephrata Cloister in Ephrata, Pennsylvania indicates that no Continental Currency was printed there. The Ephrata Cloister is operated as a historical site by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and is open to the public. The site includes a building which is designated as the "Print Shop" where printing

was performed by this religious commune.

As you can see from this information that as a collector of Continental Currency I am in the hub of this conflicting historical information. I am anxious to sift out the correct historical information pertaining to this printing away from Philadelphia.

Can you advise of your source of information for attributing the Ephrata printing of the Baltimore issue? What is your feeling as to the correct facts?

Very truly yours,

*Everett K. Cooper*

Everett K. Cooper

*page 43 says Ephrata is without foundation  
of 1990 edition*

*12/10/94 Telephoned to tell him he had  
old edition of 1967.*

Mr. Denis Cooper

September 11, 2002

Dear Sir:

As an extensive researcher in American numismatics and an admirer of your remarkable book on Coinmaking I would very much appreciate your assistance in explaining to me in detail the use of the "die cup" and the structure of the "collar". I am studying the primitive mechanical functions of striking coinage at the first U.S. Mint in Philadelphia between its origin in 1793 and its modernization beginning in 1828, etc.

The records of the U.S. Mint show the receipt of invoices including on 31 October 1795 "a cup for adjusting half dimes"; on 2 November 1795 "forging two dime collars"; and on 18 December 1795 "a die cup for cents".

The only other early references to collars which I find refer to "open collar" which is undefined and is differentiated from "close collar" (not closed) which was introduced in 1828. The close collar is clearly the collar die into which the planchet is dropped and which forms the edge of the coin during the expansion on striking and which requires the struck coin to be pushed out of it. Our Mint used screw presses only during the 1793-1828 period.

What I first wish to know is the function, placement and shape of the cup.

You indicated on p. 54 that a struck coin might have to be knocked out of a collar with a hammer. You also said that the struck coin stuck to the top die and I wonder if that was always or usually the case. Was the collar used to eject the coin after striking? Did the collar surround or partially surround the die neck because it must have had the same internal diameter as the neck of some larger early dies which are not beveled at the neck.

A depressible collar (whether 360 degrees or less and more than 180 degrees) could surround the lower die face and push the struck coin up off the lower die because of planchet expansion during striking. There could also be a fixed collar surrounding the upper die neck which knocked the struck coin out of the upper die when it rose in a situation where the struck coin stuck to the upper die.

The possible reason an open collar may have been used on the lower die would be to permit the automatic feeder prongs or arms to slide under part of it to place the planchet on the lower die. The early U.S. Mint probably used the pronged feeder to flick